AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently amended)** A method of slowing or arresting the flow of blood from a bleeding site ~~wound, rupture or laceration~~ in a bodily tissue comprising

positioning the opening of a vacuum cup over said bleeding site ~~wound, rupture or laceration ,~~;

applying a vacuum to the interior cavity of said cup~~, and~~;

maintaining said vacuum until the flow of blood has arrested or slowed;

releasing the vacuum once the flow has arrested or slowed; and

removing the cup from said bleeding site after releasing the vacuum.

2. (Canceled)

3. **(New)** The method of Claim 1, wherein siad bleeding site is selected from the group consisting of a wound, a rupture and a laceration.